



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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October 19, 2009

Ms. Cathy Hackett

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RE: Advisory Letter
FPPC File No. 090708; Cathy Hackett

Dear Ms. Hackett:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. The Act requires candidates for the California Public Employment Retirement System to file campaign disclosure statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made during specified periods of time.

The Enforcement Division of the Commission received a complaint alleging that you received an in-kind contribution from SEIU Local 1000 when it provided staff members to organize a campaign-related meeting at a California Department of Transportation ("CalTrans") facility in Fresno in May of 2009.

If SEIU staff members were paid by SEIU to organize or coordinate your campaign event, the SEIU would be a source of an in-kind contribution only if the staff members spent 10% or more of their compensated time in a month rendering services on your behalf. (Regulation 18423.)

Since we have no evidence to indicate that the staff members spent 10% or more of their time, or provided voluntary personal services, we are closing this matter. However, you are advised to evaluate this activity and if necessary, report it on your campaign disclosure statements.

The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the

FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at (916) 322-5660, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-8194.

Sincerely

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